

# ***How Many Farms in Counties Across New York State Eligible for Federal Assistance Programs Have Completed the Enrollment Process***

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), less than 30% of New York State farms eligible for federal assistance programs created by the 2002 Farm Bill have registered with their local Farm Service Agency. The deadline for enrollment is April 1, 2003, meaning that a majority of the over 34,000 New York State farms that the USDA believes are eligible for these programs could miss out on millions in federal assistance. The following report outlines how many farms in each county are eligible for assistance and how many have registered.

***The Capital Region:*** According to the USDA, there are 4,248 farms eligible for federal aid programs in the Capital Region. Unfortunately, only 26 percent have completed the required registration, meaning 3,120 farms could miss out on assistance program funding.

<b>County</b>	<b>Eligible Farms</b>	<b>Registered Farms</b>	<b>Percent Registered</b>
Albany	416	17	4.08
Rensselaer	719	219	30.45
Schenectady	33	6	18.18
Saratoga	437	109	24.94
Fulton	173	17	9.82
Montgomery	653	257	39.35
Schoharie	512	118	23.04
Washington	1,305	385	29.50
<b>Capital Region</b>	<b>4,248</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>26</b>

**Central New York:** According to the USDA, there are 4,345 farms eligible for federal aid programs in Central New York. Unfortunately, only 25 percent have completed the required registration, meaning 3,276 farms could miss out on assistance program funding.

County	Eligible Farms	Registered Farms	Percent Registered
Oneida	1,099	290	26.38
Oswego	421	91	21.61
Madison	981	248	25.28
Cortland	588	149	25.34
Onondaga	1,256	291	23.16
<b>Central New York</b>	<b>4,345</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>25</b>

**The Finger Lakes:** According to the USDA, there are 6,772 farms eligible for federal aid programs in the Finger Lakes. Unfortunately, only 32 percent have completed the required registration, meaning 4,604 farms could miss out on assistance program funding.

County	Eligible Farms	Registered Farms	Percent Registered
Cayuga	1,381	432	31.28
Seneca	549	176	32.05
Yates	382	125	32.72
Ontario	743	379	51.00
Wayne	1,217	280	23.00
Monroe	667	165	24.73
Livingston	1,045	406	38.85
Schuyler	238	43	18.06
Tompkins	550	162	29.45
<b>Finger Lakes</b>	<b>6,772</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>32</b>

***The Hudson Valley:** According to the USDA, there are 2,282 farms eligible for federal aid programs in the Hudson Valley. Unfortunately, only 37 percent have completed the required registration, meaning 1,431 farms could miss out on assistance program funding.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Eligible Farms</b>	<b>Registered Farms</b>	<b>Percent Registered</b>
Westchester	2	2	100.00
Rockland	0	0	0
Putnam	1	0	0.00
Dutchess	306	128	41.83
Ulster	82	38	46.34
Sullivan	293	46	15.69
Orange	751	359	47.80
Greene	273	56	20.51
Columbia	574	222	38.67
<b>Hudson Valley</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>37</b>

***The North Country:** According to the USDA, there are 3,782 farms eligible for federal aid programs in the North Country. Unfortunately, only 36 percent have completed the required registration, meaning 2,405 farms could miss out on assistance program funding.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Eligible Farms</b>	<b>Registered Farms</b>	<b>Percent Registered</b>
Warren	20	11	55.00
Essex	121	36	29.75
Clinton	616	279	45.29
Franklin	462	239	51.73
Hamilton	0	0	0
St Lawrence	699	187	26.75
Herkimer	521	176	33.78
Lewis	426	130	30.51
Jefferson	917	319	34.78
<b>North Country</b>	<b>3,782</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>36</b>

***The Southern Tier:*** According to the USDA, there are 5,839 farms eligible for federal aid programs in the Southern Tier. Unfortunately, only 26 percent have completed the required registration, meaning 4,326 farms could miss out on assistance program funding.

County	Eligible Farms	Registered Farms	Percent Registered
Delaware	676	115	17.01
Otsego	822	163	19.82
Chenango	651	131	20.12
Broome	301	72	23.92
Tioga	649	207	31.89
Chemung	327	141	43.11
Steuben	1,437	329	22.89
Allegany	976	355	36.37
<b>Southern Tier</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>26</b>

***Western New York:*** According to the USDA, there are 7,031 farms eligible for federal aid programs in Western New York. Unfortunately, only 30 percent have completed the required registration, meaning 4,901 farms could miss out on assistance program funding.

County	Eligible Farms	Registered Farms	Percent Registered
Orleans	644	279	43.32
Genesee	908	161	17.73
Wyoming	1,078	256	23.74
Erie	1,233	492	39.90
Niagara	1,077	456	42.33
Cattaraugus	1,175	325	27.65
Chautauqua	916	161	17.57
<b>Western New York</b>	<b>7,031</b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>30</b>